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Re (a) were any American eltisens transferred from Italian sustandy the custody of German authorities?

subject has no knowledge on the author. By what agreement were they transferred? subject has no knowledge on the matter. (b)

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(a) pid the German Intelligence service maintain a representative in your officer aubiest has no knowledge on the matter.

(b) what were their litles?
Subject has no knowledge on the matter.
(6) Arough what other agencies was information collected by
the German Intelligence service?

subject has no knowledge on the matter.

(d) List the names of Gestaps, Absobr, Police, Military and Mayal Attaches and Air Corps Attache attached to your effice, subject has no knowledge on the matter,
(e) was the diplomatic pench used for the transmission of the intelligence supertury

subject has no knowledge on the matter.
It other means of transmitting intelligence reports was used?
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information if emplement

(a) To that extent did deputity and Italy collaborate in preparation for and conduct of the mary

subject has no knowledge on the matter. Was presented applied to bring Italy into the war in 1940? **(b)** Subject has no knowledge on the matter.

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5. (a) Describe the plans made for post war operations in foreign countries looking toward the restablishment of Germany's commonic and military potentialities.

Subject has no knowledge on this matter.

(b) Have emissaries and technical personnel been dispatched: Subject has no knowledge on this matter.

(c) Has the German Government subsidised any commercial organi-

Eation for the purpose?

Subject is of the opinion that all German commercial organizations engage in some sort of explonage abroad.

(d) what assets of the German Government have not been seized

or frozen by Allied action?

subject has no knowledge of such accounts.

(e) Does the German Dovernment maintain secret accounts abroad?
Subject has no knowledge of such accounts but is of the
opinion that minister Plenipotentiary Gustav Adolf von HALEM to
Portugal at present may be in possession or know of secret funds
of the German Government, left by private plane from Italy to
Lisbon, Portugal in February 1945, and was followed by his wife
of 84 April 1945.

(f) If the enswer to (e) is affirmative, where and under what

title are they maintained?

Subject has no knowledge on this matter.

6. (a) was the defence of North Italy based upon military strategy or for economic reasons?

Political-ideological reasons aimed at maintaining derman prestige are believed to have been decisive and that economic reasons were of greater importance than military strategy. The ball-bearing industry relied almost exclusively on Italian production during the latter part of the war. Cormany also attempted to produce oil from peat, but output had just begun at the termination of the war.

(b) Did North Italian industrialist occperate with the Germans?

The industrialists cooperated with the Germans.

(e) How and to want extent?

cooperation on the part of most industrialists was not whole-hearted, but was based on a desire to make war-profits, and to preserve factories.

(d) that contractural agreements were made with them?

(e) was the operation of the various industries subsidized by the German government?

Subject has no knowledge on this matter.

- (1) How were contracts cancelled upon withdrawal of the Ger Army? Subject has no knowledge on this matter.
- 7. (a) pere the Italian attacks on Ethiopia and Albania in any way instigated by Germany?

Subject is of the epinion that it was not,

(b) If not, was the German Government aware of Italian intentions? Subject has no knowledge on this matter.

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subject; Int Rpt. of pr. Hans Otto Malanned)

- (c) Did the Berman army have observers in the field with the Italian army during these two campaigno? subject has no knowledge on this matter.
- was the Ausland organization represented in your office? 8. (a)

pid it maintain separate offices? (b)

Under what name did it operate?

Ortegruppe Meilen. Name the leaders of the Ausland organization in the country or countries to which you were assigned.

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9. (a) were you a member of the Next Party? Yes.

(b) gere you an honorary or dues paying member? subject was a dues paying member.

List membership dates. (e)

subject joined Mazi Farty in 1937.
Did you take the oath of allegiance upon becoming a member? (4)

(e) If you were not a member, explain why, subject was a member.

were you a member of any affiliated organizations? (1) Tes.

which? (g)

subject was an honorary member of the 93 during 1984

only.

were you ever denounced by the party? (h)

what do you know about thelocation of German diplomatic and 10. consular archives in Italy?

subject believes that archives were destroyed. WELL-HAUSEN, former consul General to the Italian Embassy and personal friend of the ambassador left Italy in January 1945 for Spain by plane, actual chief of the Political Section of the Embassy, borr in sayrna, Turkey, go-between between gasseling and RAHNe

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